Metalling of roads under PMGSY in Uttarakhand

1808. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the State Government of Uttarakhand is not taking stringent action in regard to metalling of roads which were constructed under the PMGSY scheme;

(b) whether Government would issue any directions to the State Government for metalling of these roads which were constructed 10 years back for the convenience of the villagers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), rural roads projects are executed by the State Government. The programme is implemented in accordance with programme guidelines which, *inter-alia*, provide that in hill States, the estimate for new construction works may be prepared in 2 parts wherever circumstances so require. As such, the 1st stage would consist of formation cutting, slope stabilization, protection works and drainage works. If black topping at the second stage is intended, it may be taken up after two rainy seasons have elapsed to ensure adequate stabilization of the side slopes. The second stage will include the WBM (Water Bound Macadam) layers and bituminous surface course.

(b) and (c) The existing guidelines provided for up gradation of existing rural roads core net work roads to the required structural and geometric standards. However, the first priority is to provide connectivity to unconnected eligible habitations.

Unsatisfactory quality of roads under PMGSY

1809. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:
SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that random inspection of road works under PMGSY during July, 2004 and September, 2006 has found substantial number of works under the scheme, of unsatisfactory quality in several States;

(b) if so, the details of the findings; and

(c) the measures being taken to ensure quality of the road projects and check corruption in implementation of the projects under the PMGSY?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) During the period July, 2004 to September, 2006, a total of 17718 inspections were carried out by the National Quality Monitors (NQMs) under the third tier of the quality control mechanism of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). Out of total 7449 inspection of completed works, 1547 works (21%) were graded as 'Unsatisfactory', whereas out of 10269 inspections of on-